

KICKOFF OF 2006 TRIENNIAL REVIEW

ADEQ's Water Quality Division will officially begin its triennial review of the Surface Water Quality Standards in July 2004 with a goal of adopting revised standards by June 2006.

With this notice, the Water Quality Division is soliciting informal input from the regulated community and the public on potential topics/issues for this Triennial Review. ADEQ has identified the following sample of topics to explore and a tentative schedule for the review process.

Possible Topics for Triennial Review

- Suspended Sediment Concentration (SSC) – continued refinement of the standard.
Some of the remaining issues include:
 - » is 80 mg/L the proper, protective standard?
 - » defining “at or near base flow”
 - » clarify where an SSC standard is applicable – lakes?
- Total residual chlorine – consider adoption of chlorine criteria consistent with EPA's national criteria recommendations of 11 ug/L and 16 ug/L.
- Review changes per National Criterion documents for changes to both aquatic life and human health criteria.
- Adopt criteria, as appropriate, that are needed to implement the toxics, nutrients and bottom deposit narrative standards and the anti-degradation policy procedures.
- Consider consolidation of the Full and Partial Body Contact designated uses into a single recreation use intended to protect human health for people recreating in Arizona waters.
- Possible designated use changes
 - » Agua Fria River below Highway 85 from Tolleson WWTP outfall to Gila River (from A&W warmwater to A&W edw)
 - » Queen Creek headwaters to Superior WWTP outfall (determine whether it is perennial, intermittent or ephemeral)
 - » Salt River from Mesa Northwest WWTP outfall to upstream dam of Tempe Town Lake (from A&W ephemeral to A&W edw)

Format for Submitting Topics/Issues

This is a solicitation for topics/issues not a formal opportunity to comment on the concepts listed as examples. Please send issues and comments to Danese Cameron at cameron.danese@ev.state.az.us ADEQ suggests the following format be used to assist us in categorizing the topics for display on the Web site and for discussion at upcoming stakeholder meetings.

Issue – <i>My issue is....</i>	Type of Issue – <i>This issue will involve a...</i>	Area of Impact – <i>This issue affects ...</i>	Other Relevant <i>To address the</i>
	Technical change Policy Development Emerging Pollutant Criteria Development Designated Use Change etc....	Waterbody specific Pollutant specific Statewide impact Regional impact Program specific (e.g., lakes, AZPDES, permitting) etc...	Technical res Review of oth positions/prac EPA guidance documents Substantive p etc...

Tentative Schedule for 2006 Triennial Review

Step in the Process	Approximate Timeline
Preliminary announcement for scoping issues	April 2004 (<i>this announcement</i>)
Initiate stakeholder process for information discussion of WQS issues and to define scope of Triennial Review	July 2004
ADEQ identifies issues to be considered in the Triennial Review	September 2004
Publish Notice of Docket Opening	September 2004
Preliminary internal draft of surface water quality standards revisions	February 2005
Publish draft rules for external review by stakeholders	April 2005
Public meetings to discuss draft rules	September 2005
Publish Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Preamble	October 2005
Oral proceedings	January 2006
File Notice of Final Rulemaking with CES/EIS for GRRC review	February 2006
File final rule with Secretary of State	April 2006